

Commissioner for Patents

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4 to 24 remain in the application.

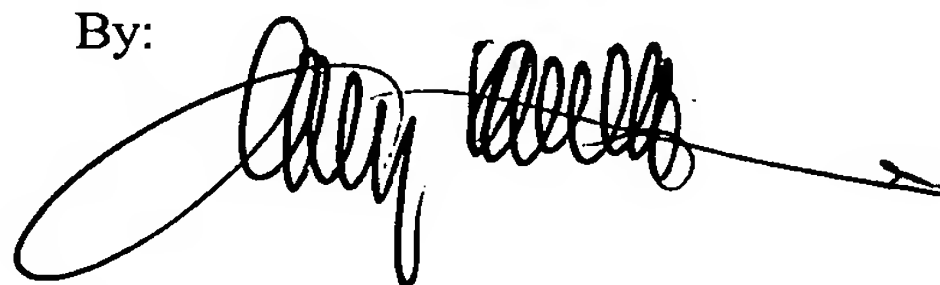
Claim 1 has been amended whereby to better define the invention over the references cited by the Examiner and to incorporate therein the limitations of former claims 2 and 3. The Examiner indicated in the Office Action that such an amended claim 1 would be considered allowable. The prior art of record does not teach the bracing cables secured to cable winding means and the variable size storage cable loop mechanism associated therewith. The claim as now amended also incorporates the limitations of the cable support spools, one being a displaceable spool and the other a stationary spool with the displaceable spool secured to pressure biasing means.

Claim 1 was also amended to correct the typographical error as noted by the Examiner. The dependency of claim 4 was modified in view of the cancellation of claim 3.

In view of the above amendments, this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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